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Examiner: Trinh T. Nguyen

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FAST DEPLOYING AND RETRIEVING OF TOWED BODIES

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. Long". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "D".

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